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To Whom it May Concern.

As a business owner, Mayor of the City of Kennewick, and Member of the WA - Self-Storage Association Board, I have come to the personal opinion that this proposal is not a good idea for the State of Washington. I am asking you to not restrict or ban the use of Natural Gas. There are several points I will make as to why this is a bad idea.

- \* Natural Gas is a clean energy source. Europe has deemed Natural Gas as "Clean".
- \* The UTC study has not been completed to know if the electrical infrastructure can handle the additional load.
- \* There is natural gas burning equipment that is high efficiency and should be considered before removing an energy source.
- \* The costs to consumers will be extensive and any new residential building costs will rise \$20k putting some buyers out of range to purchase.
- \* The cost of electricity is higher than gas now. Banning gas will only increase electricity more by increasing its demand.
- \* With a potential world war before us, removing an energy source is not good policy.

Please do not restrict the use of natural gas. At least put it to a vote of the people before you do it.

Sincerely,  
Bill McKay